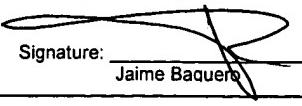


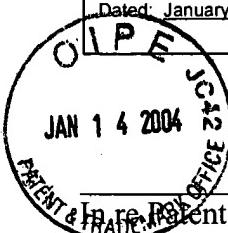
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003 (Paper No. 8) for which a response was due on November 14, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two (2) month extension of time, making the response due on January 14, 2004. Accordingly, this response is being filed on or before the current due date of January 14, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.